

DAILY HERALD.

MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25.

To Advertisers.
The Herald is now one of the largest newspapers published in Indiana, and has a circulation not surpassed by any other paper in the State. It therefore offers advantages which they will not find elsewhere.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE—Sole Engagement.
Overture—La Tour de Nesle.
STATE MUSIC—Blind's Block, East Washington Street. Open day and night.

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CITY NEWS.

BUCKS CLUB.—This Association holds a grand ball at Masonic Hall, New Year's Night.

REMOVALS.—Captain Chambers Cox, 21st Indiana Volunteers, and Captain Levi A. Gardner, 38th Indiana Volunteers, have resigned.

CITY COUNCIL.—Today being Christmas, the City Council held its session for this week on Saturday evening, which accounts for today's report of the proceedings.

GRACE CHURCH.—There will be divine service in this church today, at half past ten o'clock A. M. Sermon by the Right Rev. J. C. Talbot, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence are at the Bates House en route for Cincinnati, where they have an engagement at the Opera House, commencing to-night.

FESTIVALS AND BALLS.—Now that the holiday week has arrived, we hear of many of balls, social parties and festivals arranged to come off almost every night during the week.

OBSERVING CHRISTMAS.—Today being Christmas, no paper will be issued from this office tomorrow. It is eminently fit that the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of mankind should be appropriately observed by a withdrawal from the ordinary business pursuits of life.

THE WEATHER.—The keen and biting air of the past few days moderated yesterday, until the weather was warm and pleasant. A disagreeable thaw was the consequence, and pedestrians were rendered uncomfortable in the extreme. We like not these thaws; and we are always suspicious of warm weather in the winter, because it is sure to bring much and quick rain in its train.

POLICE COURT.—For intoxication, Peter J. O'Brien and S. J. O'Brien, arraigned, tried, found guilty and sent to jail for ten days, with a fine in each case of \$5.00.

The trial of Charles Vernon, charged with the commission of the robbery of Ferguson's Tailoring establishment several days ago, was set for Saturday afternoon.

REV. J. C. FLETCHER.—Our readers will please bear in mind the lecture by this gentleman, at the First Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening, on the subject of "Switzerland," for the benefit of the Indianapolis Orphan Asylum. They will be a lecture of much interest, by one, whose home for a long time among the alpine ranges and by pellucid Lake Lemann, will enable him to realize to the scenes of Switzerland, without ourselves becoming personally impelled among its glaciers.

MILITARY.—Saturday, 127 men, belonging to the regular army, passed through the city en route for their destination somewhere in Wisconsin, stopping at the "Home" long enough to eat a good dinner.

The Fifteenth Ohio Infantry, Captain Dorn, commanding, 25 men and officers, and the Sixty-fifth Ohio Infantry, Captain Dorn, both from Cairo en route for Columbus, Ohio, to be paid off and discharged, arrived in the city yesterday, and left for Columbus, Ohio, the same night. These regiments also stopped at the "Home" and took dinner.

NOT TO RAIL.—We learn that on last Friday evening a pleasant little affair came off, at the residence of Mr. A. E. Vinton, in connection with the usual social gathering of the Second Presbyterian Church. It was not a *coring*. No *coring* or *coring*, boys were drawn, but the friends of a gentleman, well known in musical as well as business circles, thought that he needed "watching," and so with the assistance of Messrs. Appleton, Tracy & Co., the celebration was held. The presentation was neatly made, and was warmly responded to by the victim of the surprise. The watch, a heavy gold hunter, beautifully chased, bears the inscription: "E. C. Mayhew, from the Second Presbyterian Church, December 20, 1885. We congratulate the leader of the Second Church Choir on his good fortune, as we do the church on their good music."

BOLD ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—On Friday night about ten o'clock, as Mr. James Conklin, of this city, was coming up Tennessee street, and when near Masonic Hall, a man jumped out of an alley and was making for him, when Mr. C. gave the intruder to understand that if he did not make off, he would regret it. On this hint, the highwayman acted, and disappeared up the street. At this juncture, another individual, a confederate of the first, stepped out of the alley, and with more determined front than the other, seemed to be bent on achieving what his companion could not. Mr. C. drew a revolver on this second assailant, the logic was irresistible, and under its pressure, he too beat a retreat. Mr. C. is certain that it was only the determined show of resistance made by him that compelled the highwayman to desert from their designs.

FENIAN STATE CONVENTION.—Pursuant to a call from J. Austin Stewart, State Center of the Fenian Brotherhood of Indiana, for a general Convention of the Circles of Indiana, delegates from thirteen Circles met in Convention at Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday, the 21st of December, 1885. The Convention opened by the election of a President, J. C. Kelly, of Madison, and Richard Dougherty, of Lafayette, Vice Presidents; Thomas Ryan and D. J. Callahan, of Indianapolis, Secretaries.

The Convention was addressed by Captain B. F. Mallon, of Tennessee; J. J. Fitzgibbon, of Chicago, Kansas, of California, Captain Walsh, of Pittsburgh, and several members of the Convention. The following were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the Convention: Messrs. E. J. Kelly, William Griffin, J. F. Ryan, Thomas Armstrong and D. J. Callahan.

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CHRISTMAS.

"Hark! the merry bells chiming from Trinity, Claim the ear with their musical din, Telling all throughout the vicinity, Holiday gambols are no longer vain."

A merry Christmas to all our readers—long life and all manner of good fortune is our benediction this morning. Today is the eighteenth hundred and sixty-fifth anniversary of the greatest event that ever occurred on earth—the one overshadowing all others in its eternal significance to human kind—the birth of the Messiah, who, treading the wine press alone, fronted sorrow the deepest, "and triumphed over it and made it holy, and built of it a sanctuary of service for all men. How vast, how rapid, have been the changes since first the morning sun ushered in the natal day of Him through whose martyrdom all the generation ago and all that are to follow must reach their final coronation. Christianity, then, comes to the limits of the Holy Land, has grown and spread until almost the whole world has been brought to a knowledge of the truth, and repose beneath its protective wings. The system which was first revealed in Judea—the system which combines and perfects all the desires that pertain to the good of man's estate; the system conferring to reason, yet kindling in the heart the noblest impulses; the system in the highest degree theoretical, and yet in the highest degree practical—at once divine and human; this system has prevailed through the centuries of the country, and is the rock on which are founded our free institutions.

Let us, then, observe this day as is meet we should—not with morose or sentimental affectation of sanctity, for this is in how vain a poor way of manifesting thankfulness, and is inconsistent with good theology or good sense.

Let good dinners and good cheer be the prevailing conditions, and it is in any family a returning prodigal, let the festive air be the rule of his reception. The common fashion of observing this day, not in fasting and prayer, but in the more rational manner of good dinners, etc., may seem to some too materialistic, but it is not so. It is the custom of the world, and does not contravene Christianity as it certainly does not wholesome physical well being. The process of self-cultivation and self-improvement is fast becoming extinct, and will soon be a thing of the past, and the customs of yesteryear.

As in days gone by, "With sheep and shaggy goats the altar bleed, And the proud steers were on the marble spread, With fire prepared they dealt the morsels round, Wine, rosy, bright, the brimming goblets crown'd."

So, we opine, today that an inalienable quantity of things excellent, and things good, will be consumed. Let, then, Santa Claus be liberally satisfied. His comeliness and he will not esteem it out of order to levy liberally upon his kindness. Let the young folks hang up the biggest stocking there is in the wardrobe. It cannot be too large and ask Santa Claus to fill it with nice things. Let adults not be ashamed to lay aside the severe gravity of common every day life, and mingle in the cheering festivities of the festival day. Two much dignity on such an occasion would be no dignity at all.

Let every one enjoy the occasion, for it is everybody's day.

"To high and low his blessings flow, Be ye thankful for all."

Again do we denounce that spirit which would induce any one to segregate himself or herself from the enjoyments of Christmas as being affectation and not dignity; and again we wish our readers a merry Christmas.

AT THE "SOLDIERS' HOME."—The first grand ball given by the officers of the 9th United States Veteran Volunteers, at the Soldiers' Home last Thursday evening, having been so successful, it is the intention to continue them at weekly intervals during the winter. On next Thursday evening will be the second of the series. The entertainment will commence at half past eight o'clock, precisely, each evening. The room where the amusements take place has been well thoroughly refitted, and will be well warmed and rendered comfortable in every respect. The gentlemen will be admitted without a special invitation, and the committee of invitation, which consists of Brigadier General Daniel Macanally, Captain H. T. Burrows, and Lieutenant E. M. Lester. Every attention will be given to secure the comfort of the invited guests, and strict attention will be paid to the proper decorum which should attend these occasions. Appropos to this subject, we will just mention that the enlisted men now on duty at "Ekin Barracks" have been exceedingly well treated, and are in good health. In this matter we learn that they have the cordial and hearty cooperation of the officers, and we are assured that the entertainment will be conducted on principles that will meet with the approval of even the most fastidious.

AMUSEMENTS.—"Ariadne's Quest" has closed its successful run, and returns from the boards in the very height of its success to give place to other programmes. We have before expressed our opinion as to the merits of the piece and the manner in which it has been followed. Mr. J. C. Talbot, D. D., of the Convention; Messrs. E. J. Kelly, William Griffin, J. F. Ryan, Thomas Armstrong and D. J. Callahan.

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Indianapolis Manufactures.

We need not spend time in proving that all desire the growth of our city. Indianapolis must depend, for future growth, upon manufacturing establishments. This is a self-evident proposition. These manufacturing establishments must be created and operated by capital. Manufacturing labor must be employed by capital devoted to manufacturing industry.

Capital has existed in this city since its early days, but manufacturing interests to any indefinite extent, if its possessors will withdraw from speculation and devote it to that interest. It is time to stop building business houses and speculating in real estate, except in special cases, and to turn our attention to supplying the articles with which to stock business houses, and giving employment to the labor that will need to occupy real estate. Our city can be made permanently commercial by first making it a manufacturing city. It has the elements of such a city. Build the Crawfordville and Vincennes Railroads, and we can compete in manufacturing with any city in the west. And we feel painfully regret that unless our money men, who have made the fortune of their city, will devote their money to manufacturing interests, we will never be a manufacturing city. Indianapolis has seen its best days. There are many kinds of manufactures for which there is a fine opening here, and which would be safely invested in because there will forever be a home demand for the articles manufactured. We feel somewhat authorized to speak on this subject from the interest in it we have ever felt, the attention we have given it, and the observation and experience by which we have been instructed in the premises.

When we came to this city, ten years ago, there were almost no manufactures here. Now there are many, and we have added somewhat in establishing them. How many there are now, and what they are, it would be interesting to all to know. Desiring to obtain a list of our manufacturing